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HONG KONG, JANUARY 22ND, 1908.

Without going the length that CARLYLE went in his impatience with the "mostly" kind of his fellow countrymen, we are bound to mention now and then the conviction that is almost daily borne in upon us, that mankind on the average is generally absurd when it encounters an idea. Perhaps it is that it is so "newfangled" with its rare ideas that it grinds food and foolish like a young mother with her first baby. With the strongest of humanitarian instincts—indeed, impelled by them—we declare the sentimental humanitarians who make "cruelty to animals" their special *deu exotico* among the absurdities of people we can think of. Every right minded man or woman resents every cruelty, but those who make a fan of the work of the N. S. P. C. A. sometimes reduce a noble sentiment to a puerile force. Their charity embraces the pretty-pretties, and too often ignores the sufferings of humbler creatures. Worst of all, their intolerance of cruelty to animals often leads them into cruelty to men. In England we have often heard paid officers of the N. S. P. C. A., who are like policemen

in their desire to have a creditable show of convictions to prove their diligence, inform the Magistrates that "the horse in question had a size of a shilling on his back."

The poor carrier, whose children's food and health depended probably on the meagre earnings of their parent and his patient quadruped, would thereupon be fined a fortnight's earnings, and the case went down to the annals of the society as one more item to show to subscribers as an inducement of their benevolent support. "In my opinion, your Worship, the horse was suffering pain," it finished when I pressed the wound with my finger. The intelligent officer, and their sapient. Worships, did not seem to notice that the real question at issue was whether that pain was needlessly, wantonly, or cruelly inflicted. We have seen a gentle lady, aroused to indignation at the sight of a man beating a jibbing horse, assault that astonished man with her umbrella, and if our sense of fairness had not been stronger than our instinct of gallantry, we should later have seen the poor fellow mauled in costs. As it was, it was touch and go. These memories and reflections have been revived by some remarks in a local contemporary, which has just been "surprised" to discover in our "Chronicle and Directory" that there is a branch of the S. P. C. A. at Hongkong, and forthwith insists that its members should at once be up and doing. All-around there is work for it. We respectfully protest, and beg the local society not to let itself be fused into anything. With only tears dripping from its mauling pen, our belatedly humane contemporary beseeches us to contemplate the Chinese coolie's manner of carrying a chicken by its wings. As if we had not contemplated day after day that sorry sight, the coolie worried with the job of carrying too many parcels in the other hand, and the troubled fowl, wishing the uncomfortable strain on its "shoulders" might be relaxed, and that "a body might be allowed to walk." Too sympathetic to laugh, too hopeless to protest, we view that familiar scene with inward comments that the N. S. P. C. A. would not gladly record in its archives. For was it not those very "sentimentalists" who instigated the bylaw that abolished the time-honoured method of carrying the fowl by the legs? They decided, we suppose, that the flow of blood to the chicken's head in the ancient position must inconvenience it. What is expected now we do not quite see; but if the coolie has to bring the bird home in his bosom, we do not envy the fowl, and we shall "pass" the chicken cutlets at tiffin. As we pointed out long ago, one of the more cruel things we have seen at Hongkong has been the summer fly-paper in the shop windows, with the little animals struggling in what to them must seem an eternity of torment; yet what member of the local society would dream of prosecuting for cruelty to an insect? The owner of a performing bear has his living to make, and the bird-shop keepers have theirs, and while we can feel for the sufferings of the animals in their "cage," we can also admit that they have not any more to complain of than the China pony whose jockey brings him "up the straight" and the plaintiffs of admiring hundreds, with the usual beatings on his labouring ribs. It is impossible, despite the "Christian Scientists," to abolish all pain from the world; and the most we can be expected to do is to interfere in cases of clearly wanton cruelty. It is our duty to guard against letting our softer feelings lead us into cruelty to our kind, the exaggerated humanitarian threats to do. There is quite enough real and patent cruelty to be seen, without straining at gnat and straining at the law.

Cardiff dockmen are protesting against the practice of a number of people in gambling on overboard ships. A Cardiff shipowner, interviewed on the subject, declared that this form of gambling was far worse than having a "bit on" a horse. He could not help feeling gratified that the gamblers had a rather sharp knock. The Cardiff steamship Regian was on the overdue list, and was nearly six days behind time on a short voyage. As high a rate as 70 guineas per cent. was paid on this vessel, but it was found in the evening that she had been in dock since Sunday. Not only was this form of betting particularly immoral, but was distinctly harmful to shipowners and others who had an insurable interest in the vessels.

There was a full house at the third sitting of the Y.M.C.A. Literary and Debating Society's "Parliament" on Monday, 34 out of its 52 members being present. Announcement was made of a private measure "to abolish capital punishment" to be introduced by Mr. H. S. Brown at the next session. The Bill to promote better Commercial Relations with China came on for the second reading. This took up the greater portion of the evening, although only a few members spoke from the Opposition benches. The speakers were Messrs. S. F. Rickards, S. Kingsbury, J. H. Barrington, J. C. Fendlebury, A. L. Nairn, Lex Brown, D. K. Moss, J. W. Bains, T. F. Fuller, McPherson, J. W. White, H. F. Gillings, Captain Brown and Mr. R. A. Lowry. The Bill passed the second reading without a division.

The Factory Labour Commission has concluded its inquiries in Bombay. The Commission examined an immense number of witnesses, including inspectors, medical officers, millowners, and managers. Among them was Mr. Bomanji-Pelti, the head of one of the largest factories in the Bombay Presidency, who strongly advocated legislation restricting the excessive hours of work in the interests of humanity. The general opinion of the witnesses, however, appeared to be hostile to legislative interference with adult male labour, but favoured regulations for the employment of women and children, the contention being that as the mills could not be worked without them the result would be an indirect restriction of working hours in general.

The Amphitrite, cruiser, Capt. E. F. Brown, arrived at Sheerness from Colombo with the paid-off crew of the Kent, cruiser, which has been recommissioned for the China Station. The Amphitrite is to remain at Sheerness instead of going to Chatham, as previously ordered, the officers and man of the Kent being sent on to that port by steamer. The Amphitrite will embark the nucleus crew of the Donagel, cruiser, on January 14 for conveyance to Colombo to recommence the Monsoon cruise, for further service on the China Station. The Shannon, cruiser, left Sheerness on November 23 to carry out the contract trials of the gun and propelling machinery and returned to Sheerness on December 13. The results obtained were highly satisfactory. The gun trials were of a most important and interesting nature, the ship being fitted with all the latest improvements to the 9.2 and ten 7.5 gun mountings, with which this vessel is armed. The gun drill practice and gun trials passed off most satisfactorily. The machinery went through all the numerous trials without the slightest hitch. On the eight hours full-power trial the engines developed over 28,000 h.p., and attained a mean speed of 23.47 knots with a mean consumption of coal of only 21 lb.

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Mr. Metcalf, Secretary to the American Navy, states that the question of the return of the fleet via the Suez Canal has been discussed, but no decision on the matter has been reached.

A remarkable incident is reported from Yonkers. On December 19th a large vessel entered the lagoons with all sails set, but apparently under no control, and in a fast falling wind brought up opposite St. Mark's. As circumstances pointed to the ship being a derelict, a boat put out from the shore to make investigations. It was found that there was no living person on board, but the dead body of the captain was found in the cabin. A doctor who was called made the surprising discovery that the captain had been frozen to death. What has become of the crew is as yet a mystery.

At the tiffin tendered to H. I. H. Prince Hiroyasu Fushimi at Government House yesterday there were present with H.E. the Governor and Lady Lugard His Lordship the Bishop of Victoria, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. F. H. May, Admiral Sir Arthur Moore, Major General Broadwood, Sir Francis Piggo, Lieutenant Ayokawa, Mr. Mashiko, Captain Mitchell-Taylor, A.D.C., Captain Fleming, extra A.D.C. and Mr. A. J. Brackenbury, private secretary. In the afternoon His Imperial Highness returned aboard the "Hakata Maru," which vessel left port later.

The Admiralty have decided that, owing to the temporary scarcity and high price of raw cotton suitable for the manufacture of Navy cloths, a suitable cotton, pending further instructions, is not to be issued as an additional ration, but that cotton (hosiery) or tea (hosiery) is to be supplied in lieu. The Admiralty have intimated, with reference to the arrangements which have been made for the transmission of private telegrams from His Majesty's ships to naval wireless telegraph stations, that it is considered inadvisable at present that any private telegrams should be despatched from wireless telegraph stations to His Majesty's ships.

Cardiff dockmen are protesting against the practice of a number of people in gambling on overboard ships. A Cardiff shipowner, interviewed on the subject, declared that this form of gambling was far worse than having a "bit on" a horse. He could not help feeling gratified that the gamblers had a rather sharp knock. The Cardiff steamship Regian was on the overdue list, and was nearly six days behind time on a short voyage. As high a rate as 70 guineas per cent. was paid on this vessel, but it was found in the evening that she had been in dock since Sunday. Not only was this form of betting particularly immoral, but was distinctly harmful to shipowners and others who had an insurable interest in the vessels.

There was a full house at the third sitting of the Y.M.C.A. Literary and Debating Society's "Parliament" on Monday, 34 out of its 52 members being present. Announcement was made of a private measure "to abolish capital punishment" to be introduced by Mr. H. S. Brown at the next session. The Bill to promote better Commercial Relations with China came on for the second reading. This took up the greater portion of the evening, although only a few members spoke from the Opposition benches. The speakers were Messrs. S. F. Rickards, S. Kingsbury, J. H. Barrington, J. C. Fendlebury, A. L. Nairn, Lex Brown, D. K. Moss, J. W. Bains, T. F. Fuller, McPherson, J. W. White, H. F. Gillings, Captain Brown and Mr. R. A. Lowry. The Bill passed the second reading without a division.

The Factory Labour Commission has concluded its inquiries in Bombay. The Commission examined an immense number of witnesses, including inspectors, medical officers, millowners, and managers. Among them was Mr. Bomanji-Pelti, the head of one of the largest factories in the Bombay Presidency, who strongly advocated legislation restricting the excessive hours of work in the interests of humanity. The general opinion of the witnesses, however, appeared to be hostile to legislative interference with adult male labour, but favoured regulations for the employment of women and children, the contention being that as the mills could not be worked without them the result would be an indirect restriction of working hours in general.

The Amphitrite, cruiser, Capt. E. F. Brown, arrived at Sheerness from Colombo with the paid-off crew of the Kent, cruiser, which has been recommissioned for the China Station. The Amphitrite is to remain at Sheerness instead of going to Chatham, as previously ordered, the officers and man of the Kent being sent on to that port by steamer. The Amphitrite will embark the nucleus crew of the Donagel, cruiser, on January 14 for conveyance to Colombo to recommence the Monsoon cruise, for further service on the China Station. The Shannon, cruiser, left Sheerness on November 23 to carry out the contract trials of the gun and propelling machinery and returned to Sheerness on December 13. The results obtained were highly satisfactory. The gun trials were of a most important and interesting nature, the ship being fitted with all the latest improvements to the 9.2 and ten 7.5 gun mountings, with which this vessel is armed. The gun drill practice and gun trials passed off most satisfactorily. The machinery went through all the numerous trials without the slightest hitch. On the eight hours full-power trial the engines developed over 28,000 h.p., and attained a mean speed of 23.47 knots with a mean consumption of coal of only 21 lb.

By kind permission of Lt. Col. Price and Officers the band of the 129th Duke of Cornwall's Own Baluchis will play the following programmes of music at the King Edward Hotel, during dinner, on Thursday (weather permitting):—
March "Kalgoolie," Hume Overture "Le adon," Aubrey Valse "Espagn," Waldo's Selection "Rosa de la," Douglas's "La Marche," Hongkong Song "Hushen," Needham Selection "The Gondoliers," Salt van Two Step "Tona," Douglas G. d. save the King.

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TELEGRAMS.

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CHOLERA OUTBREAK.

LONDON, January 21st.

There has been an outbreak of Cholera at Weddah, [?] and 400 deaths are reported to be occurring daily.

LORD CURZON.

LONDON, January 21st.

Lord Curzon has been elected an Irish representative peer to the House of Lords.

JAPANESE IMMIGRANTS TO AMERICA.

Tokyo, January 21st.

Baron Hayashi in an interview has repudiated the report of an important negotiation with the United States. The Government, he says, will not hesitate to forbid emigration to Hawaii if the Japanese immigrants do not cease crossing from that island to America unlawfully.

RUSSIA'S SERVICE.

JAPAN IN MANCHURIA.

LONDON, January 19th.

Japan persists in refusing to allow China to build a railway parallel with the Southern Manchurian line, on the ground that it is a violation of the treaty of Peking. Japan threatens to arrest the work, if commenced.

BYE-ELECTION.

LONDON, January 19th.

Mr. Bell, Unionist, has been elected in place of Mr. H. T. Eve, K.C. (Ashburton). Liberal, who receives a Judgeship. Mr. Bell was opposed by Mr. Buxton, Liberal.

THE NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL.

LONDON, January 19th.

It is understood that Sir William Robson, K.C. will become Attorney General in succession to Sir John Walton, and Mr. Rufus Isaacs Solicitor General in the place of Sir William Robson.

THE BYE-ELECTION IN MID-DEVON.

LONDON, January 19th.

The Conservative papers regard the result of the Mid-Devon election as a triumph of Tariff reform.

SUPREME COURT.

Tuesday, January 21st.

IN CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR FRANCIS PIGGOTT (CHIEF JUSTICE).

A FORGED BANK NOTE.

Ng Fat, alias Ma Fong, was arraigned on a charge of uttering a forged bank note, and on a second count of being in unlawful possession of a forged bank note. Prisoner pleaded not guilty, and the following jurors were called: J. Lockhead (foreman), R. Sutherland, A. D. Gallaway, J. E. Danielson, B. Agassard, A. Jenkins and H. Uming. The Attorney General, Hon. Mr. W. Reid Davies, instructed by Mr. G. E. Morrell (of the Crown Solicitor's office) presented, prisoner being undefended.

The Attorney-General stated that on December 15th prisoner went to a house of ill-fame on the Praye. There he handed a woman a \$5 note purporting to be a note on the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. The girl took the money to the mistress to change it, and returned the prisoner \$3 in twenty cent pieces. Shortly after this the mistress heard that one of her other girls was in police custody, and went to the station to bail her out. As she was required to produce \$25 she returned home for the money. Amongst the bills produced was the \$5 bill which the girl had received from the prisoner. The police immediately observed that it was a counterfeit note, and on information given them by the mistress they proceeded to the brothel and arrested the defendant. On his person was found another \$5 note, also counterfeit. The prisoner on being charged by the police stated that he won the two notes playing fan-tan at Canton, and that he had no knowledge they were forged. The point on which the jury would have to be satisfied was that he uttered the note knowing it to be forged, and that he was in possession of a note which he knew to be forged.

After hearing the evidence the jury returned a verdict of not guilty, and the prisoner was discharged.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C. N. C. str. Hupeh left Haiphong on 21st inst., and due here on 24th inst.
The H. A. str. Rheanara left Singapore on 19th inst. at 7 a.m., and may be expected here on 25th inst. a.m.
The C. N. C. str. Chingfa left Kobe on 20th inst., and is due here on 25th inst.
The O. & O. str. China sailed from Yokohama on the 20th inst., and is due to arrive at this port via Kobe, Nagasaki and Manila, on the 29th inst.
The P. M. str. Mongolia arrived in San Francisco on the 18th inst.
The C. P. R. str. Empress of India arrived Nagasaki at 2 p.m. on Monday, 20th inst., and left again at 8 p.m. same day for Kobe, where she was due to arrive at 8 p.m. yesterday.

BELLIOS PUBLIC SCHOOL.

GOVERNOR DISTRIBUTES PRIZES.

The annual distribution of prizes at Bellios Public School was presided over yesterday afternoon by His Excellency the Governor, who was accompanied by Lady Lugard. There were seated with them Captain Fleming, extra A.D.C., Mr. A. J. Brackenbury, private secretary, Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Inspector of Schools, and Mrs. Fletcher, head-mistress of the Bellios School. Before the proceedings opened a small pupil presented Lady Lugard with a handsome bouquet of flowers, Her Ladyship graciously returning thanks. The pupils, who were lined up on the stage, then went through some nursery rhymes, after which Mrs. Fletcher's annual report was read by the Inspector of Schools as follows:—

Your Excellency, Lady Lugard, Ladies and Gentlemen, The following is the 17th annual report of the school. The staff of the English and Anglo-Chinese Divisions is the same as for the previous year. In the Chinese Division there has been one change among the assistant masters, and an extra needlework teacher has been appointed from the beginning of the year. The attendance shows a distinct improvement on that of last year, the daily average for 1907 being 108, as against 82 for 1906 in the English Department, while in the Vernacular Division it was 237 as compared with 187 in the previous year. Of the 101 new scholars admitted during the year, four were of English nationality, 63 Chinese, 25 Portuguese, and 10 Eurasian. To encourage a longer attendance at school a change has been made in the arranging of the five free scholarships. Instead of having these competed for annually they have been made to extend over four years, thus taking a pupil from Class V.B. to Class I.A. and few scholarships are to be awarded as the original ones fall vacant. It is naturally too early yet to speak of the success or otherwise of the experiment. With a view to encouraging the girls attending the District Schools, and at the same time to induce them to take up the study of English, three free scholarships of one year's duration were awarded in the beginning of 1907 to the girls in District Schools numbers 33, 60 and 69. The pupil from No. 60, failed to put in an appearance here, but the other two have fully appreciated the favour, and have made satisfactory progress. New nominations should be made at the end of February. The examination for the five prizes annually awarded through the kindness of Mr. R. E. Bellios, was held in June last, and the prizes were awarded according to the decision of the Inspector of Schools. We were somewhat surprised to receive in February the belated results of the St. Louis Exhibition held in 1904. For the embroidery their exhibited this school was awarded a silver medal, and diploma of merit. An extra teacher of needlework in the Vernacular Division has been a most popular appointment, and the girls are now taught to cut out and make their own clothes as well as do the usual fine embroidery work. The school buildings have recently been put in thorough repair and colourwashed and painted throughout. The very best thanks of the teachers and pupils are gratefully given to the following gentlemen and firms who so kindly subscribed to the Prize Fund:—Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, Messrs. J. E. M. Smith, E. Shawan, W. G. Humphreys, H. Humphreys, E. Shellen, A. J. Raymond, See Woo, Lau Chai-pak, Ho Fook, Ho Tung, Fung Wa-shui, Chan Siu-ki, Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, Jardine Matheson & Co., Gibb, Livingston & Co., Limited and Davis, D. Sassoon & Co., Sam Wang & Co., Johnson, Stokes and Master, Hughes and Hough, Bradley & Co., Norddeutscher Lloyd, Douglas Laiprak & Co., Nippon Yusen Kaisha, Lane Crawford & Co., Tak Cheong & Co., and Look Hing & Co.

Mr. WOLFE then read his annual report, prefacing this, however, with a few general remarks. He mentioned that last year was the first year in which the scheme of dividing the English and Anglo-Chinese sides of the school began, but it was not entirely successful, and possibly certain provisions would have to be introduced into the scheme for next year. Bellios School was in a noisy neighbourhood, and the headmistress and her assistants were greatly taxed by these noises and although it was impossible to stop them altogether he hoped they would be minimised as far as possible in the new year.

An excellent display of musical drill was next given by the pupils and much admired by all present, the manner in which they went through the various exercises showing that they had reached such a stage of perfection only by arduous training and long instruction on the part of the teachers.

His EXCELLENCY, before distributing the prizes, said—Ladies and gentlemen, You will, I am sure, agree with me that a very special interest attaches to the schools for girls in the Far East, and I am very glad to find that Hongkong this matter has received special attention. We have many schools under the aegis of two great Christian creeds as "Fairies" and other schools under the Protestants, and two convents under the Roman Catholics. There are also some 54 vernacular schools which are subsidised by the Government, and the majority of which are for girls, but Bellios Public School is the only school established by the Government for girls and it is by far the largest, and I think further that it should set the standard for all the rest. The Chinese community have not yet entirely shaken off the prejudice against the higher education of women, and since in that term is included the study of English, the Government has made a concession in this matter, and that is the endowment of a Government school in which the medium of instruction is largely Chinese. The average attendance during the past year we have just heard was 341, a fall of that number over two-thirds, namely

233, were included in the vernacular side, of the remainder, on the English side the number was 108, while some two-fifths were in what the Inspector of Schools called the "Anglo-Chinese side—that is to say, Chinese girls who are instructed in the English language. It has been my pleasant task in every school I have visited during the last few days to congratulate both teachers and pupils on a large increase in numbers during the past year, and I am glad to be able to congratulate Bellios School also on a large increase during the past year. The English side has increased from 52 to 108, about 24 per cent, and the vernacular side from 183 to 233, about 20 per cent. But I confess it would give me very much greater pleasure if I could congratulate you on a larger number of transfers from the vernacular to the English side. I am not one of those who has contempt for the prejudices and beliefs of nations other than my own, and so long as Chinese parents desire that their daughters should not be educated in English, but should learn only Chinese, that wish shall be respected. But we see today in this great Empire of China that the study of western learning is becoming more and more a matter of importance. Her sons are daily, in largely increasing numbers, studying western knowledge both in China itself and abroad, and here in Hongkong hundreds—indeed I may say thousands—are being educated in western knowledge. It is inevitable, ladies and gentlemen, that these boys as they grow up will desire to find wives who have some sympathy with their ideals and with their new knowledge. It is quite true that the education given on the vernacular side is western knowledge, but if the learners here when they leave school cannot read English books, it is obvious that whatever they learned here as young children, they cannot extend in after life the knowledge they acquired. Bellios School was founded in 1890, and it was founded chiefly for Chinese girls, but at that time there were no schools for non-Chinese, and consequently a large number of non-Chinese girls came to this school. In the year 1898 the numbers on the English side reached the maximum of 185. About that time and later a number of other schools for non-Chinese opened, the Diocesan Girls' School, the Kowloon Girls' School, two French convents and others. The result was that year by year the numbers on the English side steadily decreased until last year there was a maximum of 82. This year, it is true, there has been a considerable increase, but for my own part I should not be sorry to see the school revert to the intention of the original founder and become a school primarily and chiefly for Chinese girls. I have alluded to the large increase in the numbers, but you must remember that it is not merely an increase of numbers that we desire, I should indeed be very sorry, I should deplore an increase if it meant that the standard was not maintained. The aid schools depend for their grant on their standard of efficiency, and we must see to it that the Government schools do not fall below, but steadily increase their standard of efficiency from year to year. The reports which we have just heard from the headmistress and the Inspector of Schools are on the whole, I think, satisfactory. I am glad to hear that the girls are now being taught plain sewing and cutting out of clothing in addition to fancy work and embroidery. I think also that a greater interest might be taken in the study of hygiene, and I am sorry to see the Inspector of Schools did not report very favourably on the subject. The term hygiene is a large one, and includes many subjects. There is the theory of hygiene and hygienic sciences. Those are studies for men and for boys, and in their advanced stages are subjects rather for those who intend to take up the profession of sanitary engineers. But the study of hygiene of the home and hygiene of the person are in my opinion eminently subjects to be taught to girls. I can conceive of no better subjects than to teach girls the value of fresh air and light in their homes, of the necessity of cleanliness in their persons and surroundings, and of the benefits to be derived from pure water, and from cleanliness in their preparation of food. Those things, ladies and gentlemen, I think are matters which can eminently form a subject for the instruction of girls, and I say especially for Chinese girls. I think it has been recognised now among the principal classes of schools in Europe that the treatment and care of infants form a valuable subject of instruction for those who are to be the mothers of the next generation, and I think this too may form a valuable subject of instruction in our girls' schools. I think it is well they should realise that by paying attention to this subject the physique of children may be improved, and that the terrible infant mortality we have to daily deplore here may be greatly decreased. I wish you, Mrs. Fletcher, and your staff, and all you girls, very pleasant and happy holidays, and I hope when I see you this time next year that I shall be able to congratulate you on a further increase in the numbers of the school and on an increase in the efficiency of the standard, and I hope also on the increase of transfers from the Chinese to the English side (applaud).

His Excellency then presented the prizes, and then a Chinese girl presented Lady Lugard with a handsome embroidered map of the world which was worked in Chinese silk. On it was inscribed—Presented by the Chinese girls in Bellios Public School as a souvenir of their prize giving, and of their gratitude to Lady Lugard for so kindly being present.

Lady Lugard thanked the girls very much, saying that she would always value their present highly. It would always remain her in England of the schools of Hongkong, which would be very pleasant further to remember. A vote of thanks to Their Excellencies proposed by the Inspector of Schools was carried by acclamation, and the proceedings ended with the singing of the National Anthem.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

A Post Office has now been established at Taipei, New Territories. Rate of Postage for letters 2 cents per 1 oz. A mail will be made up daily at 4 p.m.

The Peninsula, with the English mail of the 27th Dec, left Singapore on Saturday, the 18th inst. at 8 a.m., and may be expected here to-morrow, at 7 a.m. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 28th Nov. and the parcel mails, closed in London for despatch by the all sea route on the 18th December, and for despatch overland on the 23rd December.

FROM	PER	DATE
Halong	Halong	Wednesday, 22nd, 11.00 A.M.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Kumano Maru	Wednesday, 22nd, 11.00 A.M.
Manila	Sui Tai	Wednesday, 22nd, 1.15 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Catherine Apoor	Wednesday, 22nd, 2.00 P.M.
Durban	Heliopolis	Wednesday, 22nd, 3.00 P.M.
Bangkok	Wongkai	Thursday, 23rd, 11.00 A.M.
Singapore and Shanghai	Wongkai	Thursday, 23rd, 11.00 A.M.
Manila	Sui Tai	Thursday, 23rd, 1.15 P.M.
Singapore and Surabaya	Wongkai	Thursday, 23rd, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Kaitong	Thursday, 23rd, 3.00 P.M.
Manila, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Newcastle, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle	Yokohama Maru	Thursday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents)

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JOINT STOCK SHARE

Hongkong, January 21st.

COMPANY	PAID UP	QUOTATIONS
Alhambra	£200	Nominal
Banks		

Hongkong & Shanghai	£125	\$710, sales
	£125	\$705
		\$700

National B. of China	£20	\$1
Bel's Asbestos E. A.	12s. 6d.	\$1, buyers
China-Borneo Co.		\$194

China Light & P. Co.		\$107
China Provident		\$101, sellers
Cotton Mills		

Ewo	£10	\$10, sellers
International	£10	\$10, sellers
Leong Kung Mow	£100	\$100

Soyabean	£100	\$100
Dairy Farm		\$17, sellers
Docks and Wharves		

H. & W. Dock	£50	\$50, buyers
New Amoy Dock	£50	\$50, buyers
Shanghai Dock	£100	\$100

Shanghai & H. Wharf	£100	\$100
Fenwick & Co. Geo.	£25	\$14
Green Island Cement	£10	\$111, sellers

Hongkong & C. Gas	£10	\$117, buyers
Hongkong Electric	£10	\$117, buyers
Hongkong Hotel Co.	£10	\$117, buyers

Hongkong Ice Co.	£10	\$117, buyers
Hongkong Rope Co.	£10	\$117, buyers
Insurance		

Canton	£50	\$124, sellers
China Fire	£20	\$95
China Traders	£25	\$11, buyers

Hongkong Fire	£50	\$82, buyers
North China	£25	\$117, sellers
Union	£100	\$100

Yangtze	£100	\$100
Land and Building		
Hongkong Land	£100	\$100

Humphrey's Estate	£10	\$10, buyers
Kowloon Land & B.	£10	\$10, buyers
Shanghai Land	£10	\$10, buyers

West Point Building	£10	\$10, buyers
Mining		
Charbonnages	£25	\$100, buyers

Banks	£10	\$13, sellers
Peak Tramways	£10	\$13
Philippine Co.	£10	\$5

Batteries		
China Sugar	£100	\$100
Luzon Sugar	£100	\$100

Steamship Companies		
China and Manila	£25	\$15
Douglas Steamship	£50	\$40

E. Canton & M.	£16	\$29, sellers
Indo-China S.N. Co.	£5	\$27, sellers
Shall Transport Co.	£10	\$44

Star Ferry	£10	\$44, buyers
Do. New	£5	\$124, buyers
South China S.N. Post	£25	\$20

Steam Laundry Co.	£5	\$3, sellers
Stores & Dispensaries		
Campbell, M. & Co.	£10	\$14, sellers

Powell & Co. Wm.	£10	\$5, buyers
Watson & Co. A.S.	£10	\$104, buyers
United Asbestos	£4	\$10, buyers

Do. Portland	£10	\$100, buyers
Union Waterworks Co.	£10	\$11, sellers

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CLOSING QUOTATIONS		
January 21st		
ON LONDON		

Telegraphic Transfer	1/10	
Bank Bills on demand	1/10	
Bank Bills at 30 days sight	1/11	

Bank Bills at 4 months sight	1/11	
Credit at 4 months sight	1/11	
Documentary Bills at 4 months sight	1/11	

ON PARIS		
Bank Bills on demand	240	
Credit at 4 months sight	240	

ON GERMANY		
Bank Bills on demand	196	
ON NEW YORK		

Bank Bills on demand	463	
Bank Bills at 60 days sight	471	
ON BOMBAY		

Telegraphic Transfer	1494	
Bank on demand	1494	
ON CALCUTTA		

Telegraphic Transfer	1494	
Bank on demand	1494	
ON SHANGHAI		

Bank at sight	741	
Private, 30 days sight	751	
ON YOKOHAMA		

Bank Bills on demand	463	
Bank Bills at 60 days sight	471	
ON MANILA		

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